Rawsonville condition stirs open-air meeting

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BELLEVILLE — The muddy corner of Rawsonville Rd. and Willis Rd. was the scene of a meeting between indignant area residents, two state legislators, various Wayne and Washtenaw County Road Commission officials and Augusta and Sumpter Township officials this morning.

More than 100 citizens were on hand to discuss the condition of Rawsonville Rd. which divides Wayne and Washtenaw Counties. The residents claim the road has not received proper attention and maintenance from either county.

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State Reps. Roy Smith (R-Ypsilanti) and Edward Mahalak (D-Romulus) explained the various complications such as easement acquisition and drain problems which would have to be solved before extensive improvements can be made to the nearly-impassable gravel road.

Recently, the road has been closed because of heavy rains and when one Wayne County road official said the traffic counters had been put up at several places he was asked "What are they counting — boats?"

During the meeting the citizens expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of cooperation between the two counties in maintaining the road.

whether adequate funds will be available is doubtful at this time.

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The abundance of car-shattering potholes on a variety of streets brings to mind adoption by the city 10 to 15 years ago of particular road improvement projects which raised the ire of the abutting taxpayers. Those roads today bear out the prediction of the city experts at the time — do the job right and the road will last.

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